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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule**

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends [312 IAC 8](#), which governs the use of DNR properties to address the management of nature preserves and other properties managed by the Division of Nature Preserves, to require written consent of the fee owner before the Commission may establish fees, entrance and exit sites, authorize hunting, or similar other conditions on usage for dedicated nature preserves that are not owned by the state of Indiana, to clarify that restrictions on public use of a nature preserve apply to properties owned by the state of Indiana and managed by the Division of Nature Preserves but not yet dedicated as a nature preserve, and to make other technical changes. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200, at [nrcrules@nrc.in.gov](mailto:nrcrules@nrc.in.gov), or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-11-2-1](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 5-28-17-5](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-5](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-5\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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